



First Presbyterian Church **FIRST NEWS**

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Pastor Notes

May 2019

Well, what happens next? Lent has come and gone. Holy Week is over and Easter Sunday is behind us for another year. The story of Christ's last journey into Jerusalem, His death and His resurrection has been told. What do we do now?

We now find ourselves within the season of Easter. The season of the church year extending from Easter Sunday until the Festival of Pentecost, fifty days later. It is here that we find, as Paul Harvey used to say, "The rest of the story."

The season of Easter is a time to enrich your faith and nurture your God given gifts. Within these seven weeks we will hear the story of the Risen Christ and His interaction with the disciples and His followers. From the giving of the Holy Spirit to the hiding disciples, to the disciples on the Road to Emmaus recognizing the traveler with them culminating with the Ascension of Christ to the Father, all reveal a glimpse into the promise of salvation that is proclaimed throughout Easter.

This is not a time to stay away from church. This is a time to be in church! The promise of salvation is the bedrock of our Christian belief system. Jesus' atoning death on the cross and the triumph of the empty tomb were for us! Now is the time for all Christians to live into God's gracious gift of salvation. Plan to join us Sunday mornings as the story of Easter continues. Remember, all was done on your behalf.

*"Lord, by your wounds on Calvary,
from death's dread sting your servants free,
that we may live eternally. Allelulia!"*

"The Strife is Over"

William Henry Monk, 1861

See You In Church!
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MAY MEETINGS

01	Bible Study Group	10:00 pm
01	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
05	Church Picnic	
07	Deacon Meeting	11:00 pm
07	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
08	Bible Study Group	10:00 pm
08	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
12	Food Bank Collection	
13	Presbyterian Women Meeting	12:00 pm
14	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
15	Bible Study Group	10:00 pm
15	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
16	Food Bank Work Day	9:00-12:00 pm
21	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
22	Bible Study Group	10:00 pm
22	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
26	Goodall Witcher Worship	1:30 pm
27	Memorial Day office closed	
28	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
28	Session Meeting	5:30 pm
29	Bible Study Group	10:00 pm
29	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

LEADING WORSHIP IN MAY

MAY GREETERS

- 05 Carol Forson, Nansy Reiss, Ann Wiland
- 12 Robert & Ollie Evinger
- 19 George & Jenny Walker
- 26 Mullens Family

MAY LITURGIST

- 05 Sue Fielden
- 12 Bryan Davis
- 19 Linda Bracken
- 26 Carla Sigler

MAY ELDER OF THE DAY

- 05 Laura Baughman
- 12 Elisabeth Montgomery
- 19 Lois Krause
- 26 Don Forson

"Scholarship Program"

The response from the congregation in supporting our College Scholarship Fund is greatly appreciated! Currently we have 5 students receiving scholarships. Your support will make a big difference in the future of these young people. Thank You!

Year to Date Financials

thru March

Offerings received in March	\$14,983
Offerings received thru March	\$39,436
Expenses thru March	\$40,606
Budgeted exp. thru March	\$53,168

**THE FOOD DRIVE BOX
WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX
Sunday, May 12th
Our work day is the 16th**



**Food
Bank**

The Congregational Care

Will be hosting an "Indoor/Outdoor" Church Picnic on Sunday, May 5th. This event will be held after the worship service in the church fellowship hall. Dining tables will also be available outside. We recognize this is a change in tradition. In the past, we have had the picnic outdoors at a members home. However, the committee feels the "Indoor/Outdoor" picnic best suits the needs of our congregation and will allow more participation. In addition, we will not have to be concerned about inclement weather! As is the tradition, the committee will serve fried chicken and rolls. Members attending will bring potluck dishes; if the initial letter of your last name begins with:

A-F Dessert; G-M Vegetable; N-Z Salad

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women:

Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, May 13th, in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00p.m. The hostesses are Kay Gebhardt and Elane Valero. The nominating committee will be presenting the slate of officers for the upcoming 2 year stint of Sept. 2019-May 2020 and continuing Sept. 2020-May 2021 . Elisabeth Montgomery will be leading our Bible study from Chapter 9 "God with Us" from our study book *God's Promise - I Am With You* by Amy Poling Sutherlun. Hope to see you there.

Food Bank:

FPC volunteers will be working the Food Bank at Presbyterian Place on Thursday, May 16th.

Food Bank hours are 9:30-12:00. Volunteers are asked to be there around 9:15. Please contact Elane Valero if you are interested in assisting with this community service.

Special Thank You

Would like to send a special thanks out to Lois Krause, Francis Seljos, Dana Ferguson, Ollie Evinger, Punky Penberthy, and Elane Valero for making the Birthday Celebration @Clifton Care so Special. Thanks, Laura

Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will soon begin a study of the book "The Divine Conspiracy-Rediscovering our hidden life in God." All are welcome and we look forward to much sharing and vigorous discussion. Dallas Willard was a professor of philosophy and the author of several books.

VBS

Our V.B.S. will be held June 3rd-7th 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. The study will trace the "golden thread" of salvation through creation, the call of Abraham, and then through the birth, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. We will need: homemade cookies and fruit juice(apple, orange, cranberry, etc.) so we can provide healthy snacks for the children.

Neighborhood Clifton – 2019

Neighborhood Clifton was a time for all the churches of Clifton to join together sharing the love of Jesus with our community. Much work was done around the community on Sunday April 28th. There were crews from the churches that did minor house repairs and painting, the removal of heavy brush, the preparation and delivery of lunches for the Meals on Wheels recipients who do not get a meal on Sundays. Many, many other projects were accomplished as well.

The work crew from FPC dedicated their morning to cleaning and organizing the Clifton Food Bank. As well, new signage was installed to assist both clients and volunteers as to the operation of the food bank. Your friends who assisted are Ollie & Robert Evinger, Grant Ferguson, Marcie & Brian Gillaspie, Punky and Wally Penberthy, Steve Robertson and Elane Valero.

Your Worship Team from FPC provided the Sunday Afternoon Worship Service for the residents, staff and family members of the GoodAll-Witcher Nursing Facility. The Gospel message was shared through scripture, singing, prayer, proclamation and Communion. We had a larger than usual number of residents which made the service even more special. Our group consisted of Elisabeth Montgomery, Kim Fields, Karen Thomasy, Chuck Monroe, Dana Ferguson, Carol Walding, Steve Watson, and Jan & Clint Schofield. God was glorified, hearts were warmed and our friends there know we care about them. Thanks to everyone who assisted in Neighborhood Clifton being a great success!







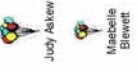












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Monthly Planner

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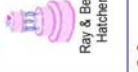
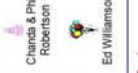






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Elisabeth Montgomery

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Lois Krause
George Larson

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Mike Conner
Don Forson

TREASURER
Jean Lewis

DEACONS
Punky Penberthy
Jenny Walker
Grant & Dana Ferguson
Lorana Rush

TRUSTEES
Brian Gillaspie
Chris Bergman
Joe Borden

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Lois Krause, Moderator
G-Ann Jones, Vice-Moderator
Elane Valero, Secretary-Treasurer
Kay Gebhardt, Historian
Ann Wiland, Least Coin

Laura Jenkins & Joy Williamson, Coordinators for NH parties



Sunday School – Bible Study – All Ages – 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.
Worship – 11:00 a.m. Sunday (Communion on 1st Sunday of month)
Presbyterian Women – 2nd Monday of month 12:00 p.m., (Sept.-May)
Session Meets – 4th Tuesday of month, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Adult Choir Practice – Wednesday evenings – 7:00 p.m.



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